

THE TOWNS AROUND.

WEST CONCORD.

The Christmas exercises at the Universalist church Tuesday evening passed off nicely as also did the exercises at the Methodist church Wednesday evening. The churches were both prettily decorated. A miniature church had been built and occupied a prominent place in the Universalist church.

Harry E. Currier has purchased the W. E. Ball farm. The auction of the household goods will be held at the Town Hall Friday, Jan. 3, instead of the residence.

The W. C. T. U. will meet with its president, Mrs. P. N. Granger, at the Methodist parsonage Monday afternoon.

Rev. H. W. Worthen of St. Johnsbury Center, a former pastor here, occupied the pulpit at the Methodist church Sunday morning and delivered a most excellent sermon. Owing to the severe storm there was a small attendance. A very interesting lecture was given in the evening.

Since putting in the registers in the school rooms on the first floor in the new schoolhouse the rooms can be kept very warm and comfortable. The directors as well as the teachers and pupils are very much pleased.

Many are suffering with severe colds in this place.

George Parris of Massachusetts is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Parris.

Mrs. Addie Wright with her son, Frank, and his daughter, of St. Johnsbury, spent Christmas with her daughter, Mrs. Haskell Tilton.

The many friends of Robert H. Oliver of Manila, formerly of this place, will be glad to learn of his safe arrival at San Francisco, Dec. 4. He started from Manila Oct. 14, but was delayed on account of two serious accidents to the steamer.

Mrs. Cora Forsaith is home from Massachusetts for a two weeks' visit.

LYNDON CENTER.

Prin F. E. Pugsley preached at the Free Baptist church here Sunday morning. In the afternoon he preached at the Congregational church at East Burke, on account of the illness of Rev. J. C. Bodwell, the regular pastor.

Mrs. Fannie Smith has been visiting her cousin, Mrs. Bertha Brockway, at West Burke.

Miss Orpha Farmer has returned to her school in Danville, and Miss Winnie Batchelder has returned to her school in Stowe.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Curtis of Barre have been visiting their grandmother, Mrs. D. B. Stoddard, and their aunt, Mrs. E. M. Campbell.

The village school began Monday, with Miss Lilla Carpenter as teacher.

Mrs. Riley Richardson of West Burke has been the guest of her mother, Mrs. D. B. Stoddard.

News has been received of the birth of a little daughter to Rev. and Mrs. Albert H. Plumb, Jr., of Clarendon. Mr. Plumb will be remembered as a teacher at the Institute, and a great worker in the church here.

T. N. Vail is spending the holidays at his home here. He recently entertained a large party of gentlemen from the Village and Center.

Harley Chaplain is working for Our Husbands Manufacturing Company.

Channing Carpenter has finished his school at Victory and will remain at home for a few weeks.

Mrs. Gertrude Kent was united in marriage Christmas eve to Thomas R. Holder of Barre. The ceremony was performed at the home of Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Lyster, by Rev. W. H. Lyster.

WHEELLOCK.

Mr. Holmes of Lyndon has moved on to the farm that he bought of E. A. Whiting.

The Col. Barney G. A. R. Post, met at Taylor's Hall Saturday to elect officers for the ensuing year. W. W. Bean was re-elected commander.

Grace Collins of St. Johnsbury is spending her vacation with her grandmother, Mrs. D. B. Lesley.

The L. O. G. T. will have a sugar party Wednesday night, Jan. 8, at Taylor's Hall for members and their families.

There will be a Grange meeting at Taylor's Hall Saturday for installation of officers.

The Jr. O. U. A. M. regular meeting will be held next Saturday night for installation of officers. A. Lang, counselor.

Miss Susie Ayer, who has been at work for S. G. Cree, goes this week to her home at Passumpsic.

LUNENBURG.

Christmas Eve was most pleasantly observed here by a union service of both churches at the hall. The literary exercises consisted of responsive reading, recitations, and singing. Two large trees, one for each society, were well filled with useful and fancy gifts for each and all. The hall was well filled with old and young, who were much interested in the exercises.

Mrs. Annie Valley's brother, George Harkins, of Canada, is visiting her at this time.

George Carbee's family, who live in the north part of the town, have been, and are at present, very sick with enteric fever.

Mr. Hildreth of Bethlehem was a guest of Miss Cleona Silsby over Sunday.

Miss Bessie Dodge and Miss Cleona Silsby went to Littleton Thursday to attend their class reunion.

Mrs. M. V. B. Vance is visiting her relatives, Dr. Harshorn and Mrs. Gilbert Woods, in St. Johnsbury.

Mr. Peabody has the cellar completed to the new house which he is to build in a short time.

Miss Julia White spent Christmas with friends in Lancaster.

Miss Nettie Bell is to receive the members of the Woman's Club on Wednesday evening of this week.

Mrs. Hannah Reed is visiting friends in Whitefield.

GASKILL.

Homer Remick while chopping wood recently found three coons in a tree.

There was a merry gathering at W. O. Greeley's last Wednesday evening. All reported a good time.

Mr. Tisdale and family were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Greeley over Christmas.

Don't forget the box supper at W. O. Greeley's tonight.

Henry Phillips has been enjoying a ten

LYNDON.

Christmas at the Churches.

The Christmas concert of the Congregational Sunday school occurred on Tuesday evening of last week and was a very pleasant and successful affair. After singing by the choir and congregation, and prayer by Rev. Mr. Farnum, Roy Gage favored the audience with a fine solo well rendered. The Sunday school sang several choruses and gave some recitations after which the scholars gave a little play called "The Revolt of Santa Claus." Earl Bradshaw sustained the part of Santa in good shape and the children of all nations dressed each in his or her native costume brought the kind saint to continue his yearly visits and make glad the hearts of the little ones all over the world. After each had made his plea, using a sprinkling of foreign languages, Santa Claus relented and promised what they asked. Then came the distribution of presents and the happy children bore away their treasures. The church was very handsomely decorated in green and white and a large Christmas tree covered with candles and presents was the center of interest. A slight accident occurred as near the base of the exercises Laura Colby, a little girl, got too near a candle and her muslin dress caught fire, but it was very promptly extinguished so that the audience was hardly aware of her very narrow escape.

The Christmas exercises at the Methodist church took place on Wednesday evening. The church was beautifully decorated with evergreen festooned from central point over the stage to the right and left and terminating over the front window. A beautiful evergreen star, some seven or eight feet across, formed the central figure and had in its center a large white star with the word joy in gilt letters, and gilt stars sprinkled about among the green. An evergreen cottage occupied the choir gallery and contained a small Christmas tree lighted up with Japanese lanterns and an electric light. The opposite corner was filled by a large Christmas tree which was covered with a bountiful supply of presents and candy bags, and lighted by electric droplights. Various smaller trees added to the decoration and an angel stood in a conspicuous place with the word Christmas which was very prettily used in one of the exercises. A fine program was presented, consisting largely of music with a few vocal solos. The choir well recited. The scholars did themselves credit and gladly expressed their gratitude to Clarence Hubbard and Miss Effie Kent for their kind assistance. A solo by Master Roland Spencer and duets by Misses Rose and Mary Brown and Grace and Alice Kidder deserve special mention for their excellence and the various marching and motion songs were well executed. A pretty feature was the piece in which a young lady carried a banner on which was the word Jesus and a star, and sixteen lads and lassies carrying stars formed a star around her. After a few short recitations it resolved and wound around into a half circle when seven of the little girls stepped into place and sang a pleasing little song, entitled "Twinkle Again." The evening closed with the distribution of presents from the tree. E. Wilson gave a basket nearly full of bags of candy which were distributed as far as they would go mostly to children outside the Sunday school.

A most unfortunate occurrence last Thursday night was the home coming of Mrs. Anna Smith who has been at work at the Daniel Webster Home for Orphans at Franklin, N. H. Feeling ill on Thursday she started for this place and grew rapidly worse on the way. At one place on the route she had to wait two hours for her train and arrived here between 8 and 9 o'clock in the evening. With difficulty she walked up to Dr. Blake's, who recognized her trouble as a case of smallpox and had her immediately carried to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Brooks, on a farm in Wheelock. The family are quarantined and all proper precautions have been taken to prevent the spread of the dreaded disease. Many people, particularly children, are being vaccinated, but the facts show that there is very little danger of the disease in this community for almost no one had any opportunity to be exposed to it. The greatest danger lies in the fact that many people were exposed to it on the cars and at the junctions, yet went on their several ways, ignorant of their having been in contact with the loathsome disease.

Enterprise Grange elected the following officers for the year 1902: Worthy Master, E. B. Hopkins; Overseer, C. A. Hoyt; Lecturer, Mrs. W. L. Park; Steward, Fred Answorth; Asst. Steward, W. L. Newell; Chaplain, David Spencer; Treasurer, W. L. Park; Secretary, Cynthia Albee; Gate Keeper, George Barnard; Pomona, Villa Sange; Flora, Bertha Paris; Ceres, Helen Pope.

Thomas Beck had the misfortune to lose the end of a finger at Daniel Paris' sawmill, Saturday. It will necessitate a vacation as it is his right hand.

Mrs. Pierce died at her home on the Pembroke Stevens farm Saturday morning. She has been failing with consumption for many months. Serious trouble and pecuniary embarrassment have saddened her closing hours. She leaves several children.

Relatives from Peacham and Barnet visited at Scott Farnum's last week.

Sherman Brown was home to spend Christmas and remained over Sunday.

E. D. Collins has been spending a week at New Haven, Conn.

Henry Chase came from Portland to spend Christmas with his brother, C. M. Chase, and the editor's three sons spent Christmas with him.

The Congregational Sunday school elected the following officers, Sunday: Superintendent, Ed. Gage; assistant superintendent, Ira Answorth; secretary and treasurer, Roy Gage; librarian, Mrs. Mary Bowker.

J. E. Wilson has vacated his store in Mr. Hartwell's building and moved in next door to the building he recently purchased of Charles Holmes. By taking down some partitions and the use of paint and paper he has secured a very pleasant store.

The Congregational society will observe the week of prayer next week by holding meetings every evening.

The Methodist church was beautifully decorated, Sunday. A portion of the Christmas decorations were left and some additions made with fine effect.

Several families lengthened the Christmas festivities by having trees in the homes before or after the exercises in the churches.

Henry Phillips has been enjoying a ten

days' vacation mostly in the vicinity of home. January 1, he goes to work again, training horses at Speedwell Farms.

E. L. Spencer has been getting into a little trouble again and George Ide had him taken to St. Johnsbury. His family are deserving of sincere sympathy and kindness.

The Jr. O. U. A. M. in this place is in a very prosperous condition. At their regular meeting last week Tuesday evening they elected the following officers: Councilor, D. D. Gray; vice councilor, B. W. Strong; assistant secretary, E. L. Hopkins; conductor, Warren Brown; warden, Joe Randall; inside sentinel, Bailey Butterfield; outside sentinel, James Ryan; chaplain, Frank Gray. This council has 60 members and is increasing.

The election of officers for the Methodist Sunday school took place last Sunday with the following result: Superintendent, S. M. Farnum; assistant superintendent, Mrs. Ellen A. Standes; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Helen L. Thompson; librarian, Wells Quimby; organist, Mrs. Myra Lamond. The school is in good condition and has a home department.

EAST BURKE.

Harry Woodruff has recovered from his illness and returned to his work at J. E. Parker's.

Henry Wetherby, who has been working for Mike Sullivan has gone to Lyndonville to work for N. B. Harvey during his absence south.

A telephone was placed in Mr. James' residence last week.

The union Christmas tree at the Congregational church Wednesday evening drew out the usual large crowd and both old and young went home rejoicing, laden with gifts.

Miss Eva Colebick is still very poorly.

Peter Daval has rheumatic fever.

Mrs. Fred Brown is on the sick list.

Mrs. Oliver Counter is caring for her.

Mr. Gibson of Enosburg was called here last week by the serious illness of his daughter at H. D. Webster's.

Miss Bessie Amidon is visiting in Sherbrooke.

Bert Gregory has engaged with H. D. Webster for another year.

Perry Berkey has finished work at Jerro's creamery and Dan Gregory has been engaged to take his place.

J. Cook has purchased the Bemis Hill schoolhouse and has started a broom factory in it.

Harry Symes has returned to his home in Sherbrooke.

A private telephone has been put in between Frank Harvey's and his father's, Rinaldo Harvey.

The machinery is all placed in the new dressing mill and work is progressing on the sawmill as rapidly as the weather will permit.

Arden Coe is still in a very critical condition.

Our merchants report a lighter Christmas trade this year than last.

Mr. Brown is on the sick list again.

PEACHAM.

The funeral of Jesse M. Clark, whose sudden death was reported last week was held at the house of the deceased on Wednesday afternoon. There were present from out of town his brothers, Charles and Wesson, and his sisters, Florence and Elizabeth. Rev. J. K. Williams officiated. There were many flowers, and tokens of the bereavement left in this community.

The following letter from the physician who attended Mr. Clark explains itself and we publish it gladly:

Inasmuch as various reports have been circulated in regard to the sudden death of Jesse M. Clark, it seems best to state that he died from the effects of arsenic in the form of Paris green taken by himself while in a melancholy state of mind.

He admitted having taken this when I saw him, and died soon after. The facts were reported to the health officer before the burial, but in order to save others some pain as it was hoped, a full statement was not made public.

A. J. MACKAY, M. D.

MCINDOE.

The Academy Alumni Association held its annual business meeting Saturday evening at the home of Miss Mabel Amundson. It was decided to give a promenade and oyster supper in the Academy Hall, Friday evening, Jan. 10. Young's Orchestra will be in attendance.

Claude Goodrich of St. Johnsbury was the guest of Brock Duncan over Sunday.

Miss Alice Phelps has been spending the holidays with her parents, here.

Perley White visited friends in town last week.

WEST WATERFORD.

The sad news was received here last week of the death of Mrs. Orson Cushman. She lived in this neighborhood 52 years; four years ago they moved to what is known as the Langdon Cummings place.

Christmas was observed with exercises at the Hall. All who participated did their parts well, and all present enjoyed themselves.

EAST BARNET.

L. E. Gilfillan adopts the cash system January 1.

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Gov. Shaw a Visitor.

Gov. Leslie M. Shaw of Iowa, who has been selected by President Roosevelt to be secretary of the treasury to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Lyman J. Gage, is a native of Vermont. He was born in 1848 in Morris-town. He lived at home until he was 21 years of age, then entered Cornell and later graduated from the Iowa law school and has since made his home in that state. He is one of the strong men of the west and recently was much talked of as a candidate for president in 1904.

Customs Examination at Newport. The U. S. Civil Service Commission announces that on Jan. 25, 1902, an examination will be held at Newport, for third grade positions in the customs service in that city.

Persons who desire to compete should at once apply to the secretary of the local board of examiners at the custom house at Newport, Vermont, for application form 101, and form 117, "Instructions to Applicants for the Customs Service." The application should be properly executed and filed with such security prior to the hour of closing business on January 20.

LYNDONVILLE.

The Congregational Ladies' Aid Society will meet with Mrs. F. E. Davis Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Asa McKenry and son Malcolm, who have been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Howe, returned Saturday to their home in Somerville, Mass.

The Woman's Club will meet Thursday with Mrs. W. H. Ford.

Miss Blanche Campbell is visiting her friend, Miss Ethel Chapman, at Sutton.

The Woman's Club has arranged to hold a three days' bazaar about the first week of February. It will probably be held in Music Hall. The proceeds will be used for the benefit of the library, though in what way, has not yet been decided. It is sincerely hoped that the people will do all in their power to make this bazaar a success, as it certainly has a most commendable object.

Last Thursday while C. F. Truell was at work in the railroad shops, he was taken suddenly ill with paralysis of the throat and vocal organs, and since then has been unable to swallow. Unless he can receive help soon, death by starvation must ensue. As he is without friends to care for him his condition seems a very sad one.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Curtis of Barre and Mrs. Riley Richardson of West Burke have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Stoddard the past week.

The Lyndonville grammar school will begin its winter term next Monday with the same teachers as last term.

Mrs. Will Ford and son Harold have been visiting in Barton.

The next entertainment in the Lyndonville lecture course will take place one week from Saturday night, when Maro the Magician will appear.

The sale by the young girls of the Universalist church was very successful, the society adding about \$12 to their treasury. Much credit is due Mrs. L. S. Howe, who assisted the girls in making the articles and in getting things ready for the sale.

The Christmas exercises of the Congregational church were held Wednesday evening at 6.30. The exercises were very interesting and the grown people as well as the children, had a very merry time. The music was in charge of Miss Hattie Schofield, Miss Alice Hutchinson, and Mrs. Merritt Harris. The other exercises were in charge of the different teachers of the Sunday school.

Sunday morning Rev. J. C. Bodwell preached a sermon appropriate to Christmas, and special music was furnished by the male quartet assisted by George Smart.

The oyster supper at St. Elizabeth's church last week Tuesday evening drew a large crowd and all report a very pleasant evening.

The partnership between N. L. Parker and Fred E. Winslow of Worcester, in the Jersey Home Creamery business has been dissolved. Mr. Winslow is busy filling engagements to play the cornet.

The Woman's Relief Corps have elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. J. C. Eaton; senior vice president, Mrs. H. G. Perigo; junior vice president, Mrs. Elizabeth Hosmer; chaplain, Mrs. Lydia Allen; treasurer, Mrs. Huldah Colliston; conductor, Mrs. Agnes Ruggles; guard, Mrs. Ruth Kenison; delegate to state encampment, Mrs. Emily Wetherbee; alternate, Mrs. Jennie Powers.

Mrs. R. R. Wilmot has recently had her picture taken with her Sunday school class which numbers between twenty and thirty. These comprise the infant department of the Congregational Sunday school, which department Mrs. Wilmot has had charge of for over twenty-five years. This year the class is to be divided, and Mrs. Harry Hunter will take charge of the older ones.

Mrs. A. P. Sleeper has been very ill during the past week.

Mrs. William Caswell has been having her house wired for electric lights.

Roy Howard of Newport has been the guest of his brother, Earl Howard.

O. M. Badger has been visiting his sister in Manchester, N. H.

Mrs. Mary Foster of Groveton, N. H., is visiting her son and daughter, Grover and Della.

James Robinson is in Boston for a few days' visit.

Charles M. Darling has gone to Washington, D. C., where he will take a special course in physical culture at Ralston University. He will be absent three months.

A farewell reception was given to Rev. and Mrs. E. V. Stevens last Monday evening in the parlors of the Universalist church when Mr. Stevens was presented with a gold watch, chain and chain. Mr. and Mrs. Stevens will be much missed here, both in the church and the community, and we congratulate the town of Herkimer in the addition of so helpful a family. Mr. Stevens while here has identified himself with every good cause where he could find the time to devote to it, and especially has been of great assistance to the village in the organization of the Lyndonville lecture course. We wish for Mr. Stevens and family much prosperity in their new field of labor.

Mrs. Bita Ryder of St. Johnsbury is visiting at M. J. Robinson's.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Evans of St. Johnsbury have been visiting friends here.

Miss Ruth Butler was the happy recipient of a gold watch on Christmas day. The watch was a gift from her parents.

Mrs. F. J. Wiley, Charles Gray, Fred Pound, George Tout and O. G. Chase have recently put telephones into their respective stores and houses.

Gay Blake presented his mother with a fine new singer sewing machine as a Christmas gift.

Cretie Humphrey is working for B. U. Wells this winter.

Mrs. Charles Buckley of Wells River has been visiting friends here.

Mrs. Anna Gookin is very ill with throat trouble.

Mrs. H. C. Wheeler of Newport has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Ertion A. Shorey.

Mrs. Julia Hutchins gave a Christmas party to about 30 invited guests last Wednesday evening. The time was pleasantly spent in songs, games and dancing.

Rev. H. G. McGlaulin was presented a silver cup and saucer and gold spoon from his Sunday school class at Christmas time.

R. C. Kenny has moved from the Mackinnon house to Mrs. H. E. Folsom's house on Park Avenue.

Harry Robie of Rutland has been spending the Christmas holidays with his parents.

The Episcopal ladies furnished an excellent supper to about 60 people in Grand Army Hall last Tuesday evening, after which Christmas exercises were held.

Alma Stoddard of Lowell has been visiting in town.

N. P. Lovering spent the Christmas holidays at St. Johnsbury.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Knight of Boston have been the guests of his parents here.

Thomas Wallace and bride of Morrisville have been the guests of Mrs. George Wallace.

Teresa Hazell of Greenfield, Mass., has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hazell.

Edith Allen of Pike Station is visiting her mother, Mrs. Lydia Allen.

Mrs. B. U. Wells is spending the holidays with her parents in Sutton.

Mrs. Alice Gould is working for Mrs. Fred Robie, Mrs. G. G. Morrison, who has been caring for Mrs. Robie, has returned to her home at the Union House.

Alice Francis of Lebanon has been the guest of Mrs. A. E. Finney.

Many of the Masons of this place attended the district meeting held at West Burke last Wednesday evening.

While Rev. Arthur Stone was riding horseback yesterday morning he was thrown from his horse and kicked, injuring himself quite severely.

SOUTH PEACHT.

Death of Andrew Hastie.

After a long and distressing illness, Andrew Hastie died at his home in South Peacham on the evening of Dec. 8. Mr. Hastie was born in Scotland, coming to this country 29 years ago. Settling in South Peacham he continued to make his home there, until the summons called him to his home beyond. He leaves a widow, two sons and two daughters, Andrew and William, Mrs. Ramsey and Mrs. McLaren. One sister survives him in England. This is the first death in the family, the first deep grief. It is not ten that for so many years the family circle is left unbroken. The funeral took place on Wednesday, Dec. 11. Service was conducted by his pastor in the church at West Barnet. There was a large congregation of friends and relatives who had come to respect the memory of one who had gained so many friends by his good nature and his unselfish life. The interment was at Barnet Centre. Mr. Hastie was a consistent member of the Presbyterian church at West Barnet, uniting with it soon after coming to this country. He was highly esteemed by all who knew him; pious, devout, sincere, speaking ill of none, but loving all. He will be missed in the community, in the church, and most of all, by those who so tenderly cared for him during his illness, and from whose home a husband and father has gone. His illness was severe, but his death was that of the Christian. As the Sabbath of Dec. 8 was passing away the spirit of the deceased took its departure, entering, we believe, into that rest which remaineth for the people of God. In the words that Cowper addressed to his dead mother's portrait, may each member of the family express their hope and wish.

"Where thou art gone
Adieu and farewell be a sound unknown
May I but meet thee on that peaceful shore;
The parting word shall pass my lips no more."

GREENSBORO.

John Chandler, who has been suffering for the past two months with nervous prostration, has gone to Dr. Clarke's sanitarium at Burlington for treatment. His many friends hope to hear of an improvement in his condition soon.

The Christmas exercises Tuesday evening at the Congregational church, Wednesday evening at the Methodist church, and Thursday evening at the Four Corners were all well conducted and carried out. The little folks acted the parts assigned them in a very creditable manner and were well repaid with an abundance of presents. There were many valuable presents on the different trees, the most noteworthy being one of \$75 cash for Rev. E. A. Ross, pastor of the Methodist church. Fur coats, gold watches and chains, fine silver ware, with the hundreds of less expensive articles, made a fine display at each place.

Norwood Drown is settled in his new home, having moved his family, Friday, and Mr. Hooker expects to get located this week in the tenement just vacated by Mr. Drown.

About 100 people assembled at the home of H. W. Gillis and wife, Wednesday evening, to remind them of the 15th anniversary of their marriage. They were presented with a fine couch and after a pleasant social evening the guests took their departure at an early hour, all wishing Mr. and Mrs. Gillis many returns of the happy day.

James McCree has been seriously ill for several days. L. W. Hartson is also on the sick list for a few days.

Mrs. Chaffee returned from Wolcott Sunday afternoon.

Rev. Mr. Kellogg